GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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UPGRADATION OF TRANSMITTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): the details of Very Low Power Transmitters in the country which were upgraded into Low Power Transmitters during the last three years;

(b): the estimated expenditure borne by the Government on the conversion of very low power transmitter into low power transmitter and low power transmitter into high power transmitter;

(c): whether the people residing in the remote and rural areas of the country are still unable to watch Doordarshan programmes due to faulty and ineffective TV Transmitters; and

(d): if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF T DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT

(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Four Very Low Power Transmitters have been upgraded to Low Power Transmittersduring the last three years, i.e. between 01.04.1997 and 31.03.2000. Their locations are as follows:

i) Miao - Arunachal Pradesh
ii) Patnagarh - Orissa
iii) Udumalpet - Tamil Nadu
iv) Haldwani - Uttar Pradesh

(b): Capital expenditure of Rs.371.35 lakhs was approved for conversion of Very LowPower Transmitters into Low Power Transmitters at the locations mentioned at (a) above. Capital expenditure of Rs.3881.36 lakhs was approved for conversion of Low Power Transmitters into High Power Transmitters implemented during the last three years.

(c)&(d): Transmitters in the Doordarshan network are generally functioning satisfactorily. At present about 87.9% population of the country is estimated to be covered by the terrestrial TV Service, including the population in the fringe areas. Forfurther expansion of coverage, 309 transmitter projects are currently under implementation in various parts of the country.